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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kazuya KURIYAMA et al.
Serial No. : 09/160,665
Filed : September 25, 1998
For : **WELDING PROCESS FOR Ti MATERIAL AND Cu MATERIAL, AND A BACKING PLATE FOR A SPUTTERING TARGET**
Examiner : Robert Koehler
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Docket No. : M1866-18

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2000, having a one month shortened statutory period for response which expired April 7, 2000, and is extended until August 7, 2000, Applicants provisionally make the following election:

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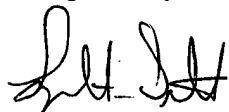
Applicant provisionally elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-8 and 13-15, drawn to welding processes, to be examined in the instant application.

Applicant retains the right to file a divisional application covering any non-elected inventions.

While Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4550.

It is respectfully proposed that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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